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Dear Christopher,

Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage - New Education Campus at Jindabyne (New Primary and High School) (SSD-15788005) (Snowy Monaro Regional)

Thank you for your referral dated 20 January 2022, inviting comments on the on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal, with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage. HNSW has reviewed the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) - Jindabyne Education Campus - NGH, June 2021*, make the following comments.

Heritage NSW notes that the ACHAR recommends that:

1. Test excavation is required to establish the extent and scientific significance of the four identified areas of PAD. Test excavation may be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation in NSW* for the four areas of PAD identified within the Proposal Area.
2. Aboriginal community representatives continue to be engaged and consulted about the project and Aboriginal heritage impacts. They should also be provided an opportunity to assist in the test excavation programme.
3. The two sites (Jindabyne Campus AFT 1 and Jindabyne Campus AFT 4) should be avoided if possible, by the project. Their presence, although not their exact location, could be used as a teaching tool about Aboriginal use of the land.
4. Jindabyne Campus AFT2 should be barricaded with temporary fencing during the construction phase of the works in order to prevent inadvertent harm to the site. The fencing should be placed at a radius of approximately 5m from the location of the isolated artefact.
5. For any sites not able to be avoided by the development, community collection of surface artefacts should be incorporated into the pre-construction phase.
6. All cultural material recovered from a subsurface testing programme and community collection will be in temporary care until an appropriate time when it can be returned to site. The artefacts must be buried in line with *Requirement 26 of the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW*, and in an appropriate location within the Proposal Area that will not be subject to any ground disturbance. The burial location will be submitted to the AHIMS database.
7. An Aboriginal Site Impact Recording Form must be completed and submitted to AHIMS following the test excavation.

8. In the unlikely event that human remains are discovered during the subsurface testing programme, all work must cease in the immediate vicinity. The appropriate heritage team within Heritage NSW and the local police should be notified. Further assessment would be undertaken to determine if the remains were Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal. If the remains are deemed to be Aboriginal in origin the Registered original Parties should be advised of the find as directed by the appropriate heritage team within Heritage NSW. Heritage NSW would advise the Proponent on the appropriate actions required.

9. The subsurface testing results for the Proposal Area should be detailed in an additional Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report.

10. Further archaeological assessment would be required if the proposal activity extends beyond the area assessed in this report. This would include consultation with the registered Aboriginal parties and may include further field survey.

Heritage NSW concurs with all the recommendations documented in the ACHAR with respect to the management and mitigation of the Aboriginal cultural heritage sites and values associated with the proposal.

Should you require any further information, please contact Nicole Davis, Manager Assessments, Heritage NSW nicole.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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